

Diver hooks up line to sunken vehicle in Provo River this morning



Dennis Patterson Photos

After lines were made secure, workers pulled the vehicle out ot the river with a tow truck.

Provoan Who Escaped Icy Waters Says 'He's Lucky'

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A Provo man who managed to escape from his Volkswagen bus after it landed in the Provo River near 4000 West Center Street in early-morning darkness believes he is lucky

After pulling himself out of the 40-degree water, James Hanegan, 167 N. 2650 W. — with wet clothes beginning to freeze — walked

"It could have been a lot worse," said Haregan, 30, who said he's not sure what happened early this morning as he was driving next to the river after finishing 18 hours of work.

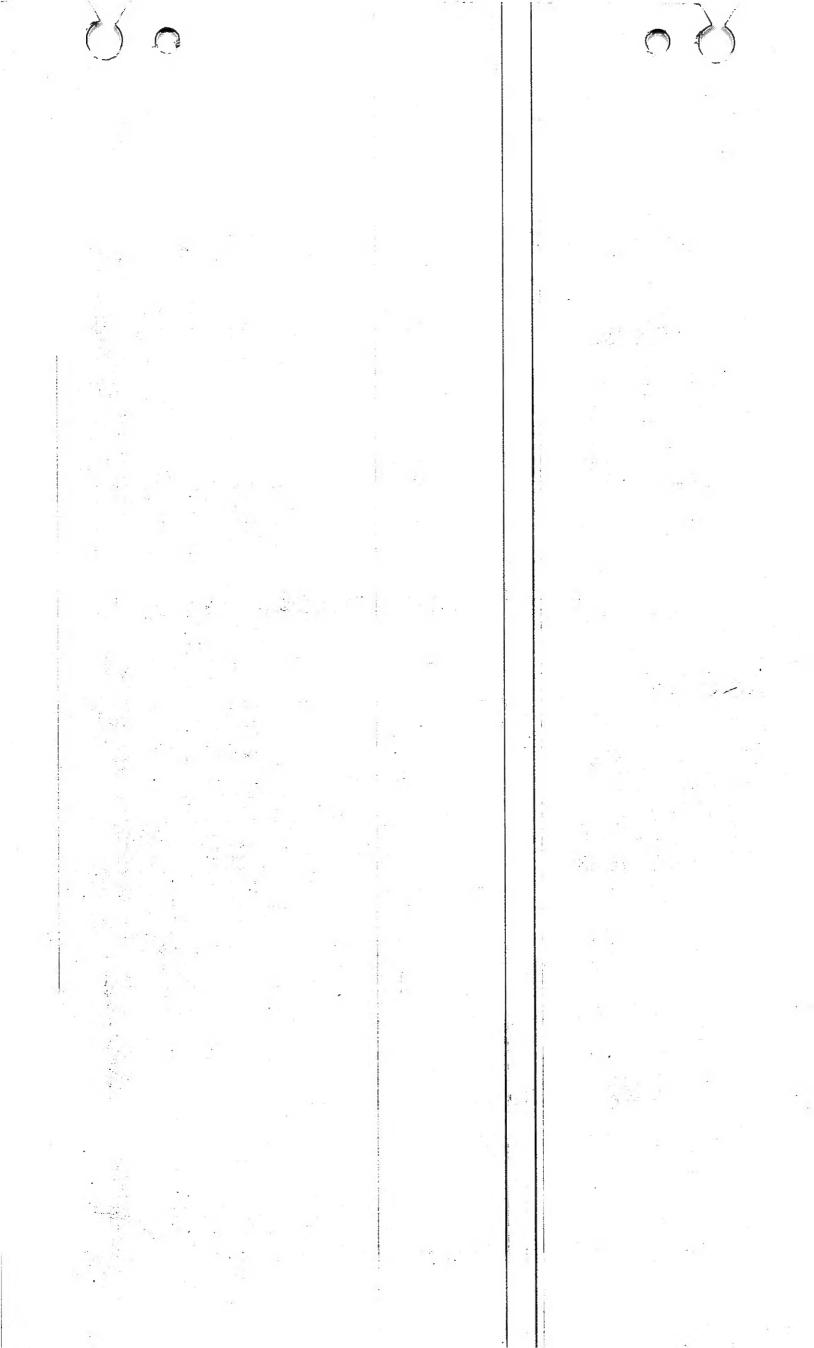
Haregan was slightly cut on a hand and his head during the flight from the roadway to the river, and one police officer at the scene said if Haregan had hear knocked out he would have been knocked out, he would have died in the submerged vehicle.

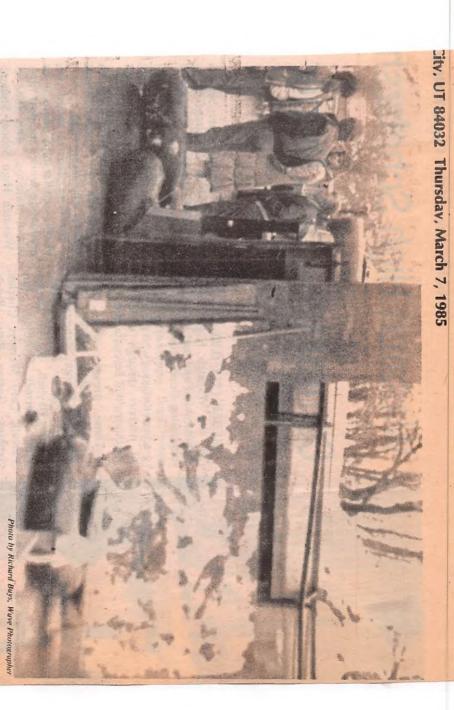
Only a small, right rear section of the vehicle's roof was not submerged.

The driver was also apparently near hypothermia as he walked home in the frigid air.

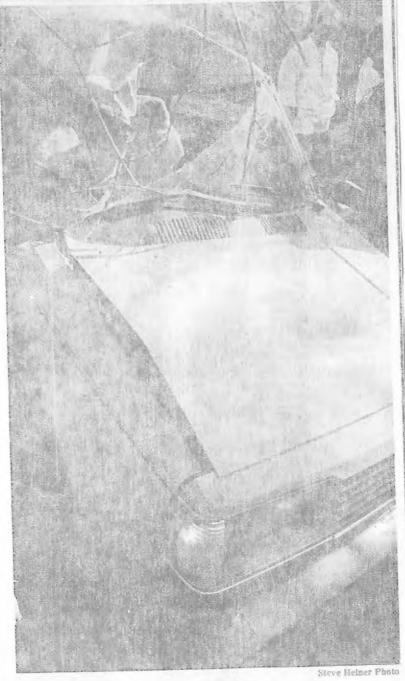
"It was so cold my coat froze solid and my vision was very blurry."

Provo police underwater diver Greg Cram was called in to help anchor a chain to the submerged bus, and it was pulled from the water by a wrecker after sunrise.





This accident occurred in Provo Canyon late Saturthe road, excited his lane, over corrected and rolled day evening. William C. Lewis of Linden, driver of the vehicle. UHP officer Dave Nusink, said that the 1978 Toyota pickup, said he glanced away from four people were treated at Utah Valley Medical Center.



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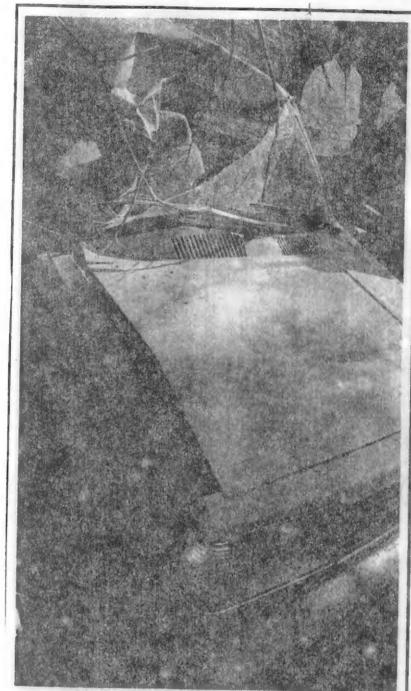
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Suds Nearly Spill in Canyon Crash

A tractor-semitrailer — that observers at the scene said was carrying a load of beer — crashed in Provo Canyon early this morning partialy blocked eastbound traffic. A Utah Highway Patrol spokesman said the crash that occurred around 8:20 this morning

eer involved only the one vehicle with no injuries reported and the load apparently intact.

The spokesman said the accident occurred on a sharp curve near the Claim Jumper ing Restaurant leading to the tractor-semitrailer to come to rest near a rock cliff.

